



Flathead County 4-H News

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Showmanship & Fitting Training Before Fair for Sheep, Beef and Rabbits



Beef: The Beef Showmanship and Fitting clinic will be held on Thursday, August 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in the Trade Center Building. Bailey Brubaker, Sr. 4-H member of Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, will be hosting this seminar. Beef members are also encouraged to bring their steers to this seminar for hands on experience. The scale is available for use.



Sheep: There will be a showmanship and fitting clinic for all Sheep members on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in the Trade Center Building. Bailey Brubaker, a Sr. 4-H member of the Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon 4-H Club and 4-H Alumni, Reese McAlpin will be presenting this seminar. Members are encouraged to bring their lambs to this clinic for hands on learning. The scale is available for use.

For more information regarding the Beef or Sheep Clinic, please contact Bailey at 314-3904.



Rabbits: There will be a showmanship Clinic for all 4-H Rabbit Members on Thursday, August 4th at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. Skylar Smith and Brittany Bosley, both Sr. 4-H members of the Kila Rangers, will be hosting this clinic. Members may bring their rabbits if they'd like for a hands on training. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

End of Year Celebration Potluck and Carcass Awards Night



We'll be holding the 4H and FFA End of Year Celebration and Potluck at the Fairgrounds Expo Building on Tuesday, August 30th, at 6:00PM. We will also be presenting the awards and distributing results for the new steer award and the carcass entries at the Northwest Montana Fair. **All 4H and FFA families who take part in the Northwest Montana Fair are welcome to attend.** Please bring a food dish with a serving spoon or fork. We will have barbequed pork, so bring side dishes and desserts to fill out the meal. We are looking forward to seeing you there! A special thanks to CHS for providing the hog and Phil and Judy Olson for volunteering their time to barbeque the hog for us!

4-H Foundation Summer Forum



This is a reminder that the Flathead 4-H Foundation Summer Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 1st, at 6:30 PM. All clubs should have a representative at this meeting. Topics for discussion will include a wrap-up on Fair Events, IRS General Exemption Number update, End of Year Awards, Project Award Interviews, Leader's Banquet, and much, much more. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a 4-H livestock committee meeting at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, on Tuesday, September 1st, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. To add items to the agenda, please contact Marian McAllister at 837-0119.

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Horse Committee Meeting

The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Wednesday, August 31st, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. All clubs with horse members should have a representative at this meeting. To add an item to the agenda, please contact Wendy Haagerup, Committee Chair, at 257-1868.



Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is providing children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, which would include horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting event prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727.

Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the Office for reimbursement.

4-H Membership Discounts

- **Dog Gone Clean**— Dog Gone Clean, located at 860 North Meridian in Kalispell, is offering free self-serve washes for all 4-H members in the Dog project the week previous to Fair. Please bring in your newsletter to show proof of membership. For more information please call Dog Gone at 755-4599.
- **Western Outdoor**— This store provides a 15% discount to members for show clothing.
- **Murdoch's**— This store provides a 10% discount on limited project items. Members must present a discount card to participate. If you need a 2011 discount card you can go to the store and provide them with either your current 4-H newsletter or your 2010 discount card. Murdoch's also has a new feed program for 4-H and FFA members. Please contact the store directly for details.
- **CHS**— If you're purchasing feed through CHS for your market animal, you may want to stop by CHS for details regarding their "Champion of Champions" program. They have incentives available to those who participate.
- **"Frame It" Studio and Gallery**— located at 50 Second Street East in Kalispell is offering all 4-H Members a 50% discount on matting and shrink wrapping photos and art for the NWMT Fair.



Angie's Greenhouse 4-H Partnership

Angie Olson, 4-H parent and owner of Angie's Greenhouse, is offering 4-H families and friends an opportunity to give back to 4-H when purchasing plants. If an individual comes into Angie's Greenhouse and says they are with 4-H, 10% of their purchase will be donated to either their club treasury or to the 4-H Camp at Loon Lake for maintenance. The Greenhouse is located at 1722 Hwy 2, Columbia Falls. For more information regarding this generous offer, please call Angie at 253-7888. A big thank you to Angie for her kind donation.

Sale Flyers Are Available in the Extension Office

The Sale Flyers for the 2011 market sale at the Northwest Montana Fair are available in the Extension Office. Many members choose to pass out flyers to the businesses that they and their families frequent. It's a great way to get the word out about the sale to buyers who may not have heard about it or to invite previous buyers to come back and support 4-H and FFA again. Please feel free to call and ask any questions or to inquire about the flyers. The Extension Office phone number is 758-5553. **This year's sale order is Hog, Lamb, Beef.**



Fairgrounds Feed Passes Changes

The Fair Office is offering 1 (one) feed pass for Fair to each 4-H family with an animal at the Fairgrounds. This includes rabbit, llama/alpaca, poultry, mini horse, hog, beef, sheep, goat, dairy and fiber projects. If you didn't receive your pass when you turned your animal registration forms into the Fair Office, please drop by their office for a pass previous to Fair. Feed Passes will only get your vehicle onto the Fairgrounds and also provides parking for the vehicle in the Fair parking lot. Anyone over the age of 12 will be required to have an exhibitor pass to enter the grounds, which costs \$15. For more information, please call the Fair Office at 758-5810.



Market Beef Members: You need to make sure you have your blue brand inspection livestock paper before Fair. If you don't have it already, please contact the following people to make arrangements: Kalispell Area— Mark at 756-7710 or Dale Lane at 249-5844, Bigfork/ Lakeside Area— Joleen at 756-1202, cell 261-5162, and Columbia Falls/Whitefish Area— Lorell Reese at 250-1490. If you purchased your steer from a family member you need to have a bill of sale with you at the Fairgrounds.



Slick Shorn Sheep Requirement for NWMT Fair:

This is a reminder to all 4-H members that your animal must be slick shorn within 5 days before show day, August 17th.

Club Booth Displays in the General Projects Building

This year's Fair Theme is "**GET EXCITED!!**". Every year clubs put together booths in the General Projects building that exemplify the Fair theme. On Tuesday of Fair week, after all of the judging has taken place, clubs can put together their club display booth from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. You can bring your club banner for identification and all the decorations you wish to use on your display. All entries from your specific club will be displayed in your club's booth.

Country Cousins 4-H Club has sponsored a \$25.00 cash award to be presented to the club who's booth has displayed the Fair's theme the best. In the last nine years the club booths have been awesome and a wonderful way to jazz up our general projects building with a burst of 4-H Club pride and spirit. If you have any questions, please call us at 758-5553.

Help Needed at NWMT Fair

4-H and FFA will be looking for help this year when hauling hogs, beef and sheep to the processor after the



Large Livestock Sale, which is held on Saturday, August 21st, 2010. The livestock are usually moved that night or on Sunday. We need individuals with trailers that can help us with the market livestock animals due to our large numbers this year. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3957, if you are interested in helping.

Silent Auction at the Market Sale Supports 4-H Interstate Exchange

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange program will once again be hosting a silent auction at the 2011 NWMT Fair Market Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 20th. The Auction will begin at 8:00 am and close at 1:30 pm and will take place in the Trade Center Foyer. Exchange members are asked to bring their items to the foyer of the Trade Center no later than 6:30 am, sale day, so they can be displayed properly. If you, or someone you know would like to donate an item to the auction, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. All proceeds from the auction support the travel and hosting costs of the 2011-2012 4-H interstate exchange program.

Carnival Discounts for 4-H

The Royal West/Inland Empire Carnival Company is offering a Super Ticket Option to the first 50 members who go to the following website: www.carnivalmidwayfun.com This ticket will cost \$60 and will be good for rides every day, all day during the NWMT Fair. You will also receive 10 game/food tokens.

Volunteer's Needed at General Projects Building



We will be needing volunteers for the General Projects Building at the Fair again this year. Linda Stewart and Marcia Burns have graciously agreed to once again be Superintendents and organize this huge part of the Fair. We need parents and volunteers to get the building ready and take in entries on Monday, August 15th, of Fair week. We get numerous entries so we can use lots of help. Please call Linda Stewart at 837-5091 or Marcia Burns at 755-1262.



*We are requiring that all **Market Livestock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. closed-toe, sensible shoes) when handling their animal at all times during the NWMT Fair. Please note that ear tags on all market animals must be clean and readable at weigh-in. **Horse members** may not wear fashion boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*

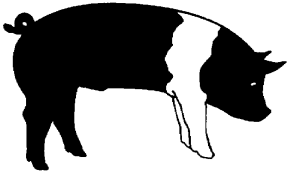


Market Sale Runners and Servers

Runners: This privilege and service is expected of everyone who is participating in the Market Sale. From the start of the sale at 8:30AM until the end of the sale at approximately 12:30PM, we need plenty of helpers to take clipboards with paperwork to the buyers in the stands. Sale runners wear 4-H vests (yes, you look official) that we provide. You are posted at various corners of the stands and when you are the closest to the buyer who just purchased an animal; you deliver the paperwork he/she will fill out. Wait for the paperwork to be completed and bring it back to the sale table and get a new clipboard with a blank form for your next buyer. If you are selling your animal first, middle, or last, please make time to help out.

Servers: We are looking for a family or club to take on one of the duties on Sale Day. Each year during the sale, as the morning warms, we provide water to the buyers in the stands. We will recruit 4-H members to carry it through the stands and serve it to the buyers. We need someone to take on the overall distribution of the refreshments. Please call the Extension Office if you can help. 758-5553





Market Livestock Weigh-in Fact Sheet

Monday, August 15th, 2011

The following is a simple breakdown of what to expect on weigh-in day at the Northwest Montana Fair. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either your FFA advisor or your 4-H Agent. It is our goal to make this process as smooth and as easy to understand as possible. You may want to bring this flyer with you on weigh-in day.

Animal	Weights	Your animal <u>must</u> be in it's pen or stall no later than:	Weigh-in Time
Lamb	110 lbs - 160 lbs	8:00 am	8:00 am- 9:00 am
Hog	220 lbs – 285 lbs	9:00 am	9:00 am- 12:30 pm
Beef	1050 lbs- 1450 lbs	2:00 pm	3:00 pm- 4:00 pm

The animal that will be expected at the scales will be the animal you registered with the Fair Office as of August 1st. Ear Tag numbers will be checked at the scale.

You (or a representative) must pay your livestock fee of \$25.00 if enrolled in the Market Beef or Sheep projects, and \$30.00 if enrolled in the Market Hog project, at the Chamber business table located inside the trade center before your animal can be weighed. (Make check payable to the Kalispell Chamber.) They will give you a card that must accompany the animal to the scale. The animal will not be weighed until this transaction has taken place. Please verify the information on the card is correct.

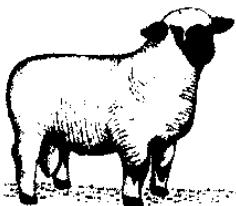
At the scale, your card will be collected, and you will select a random slip of paper from a container. The number on this slip will determine your order in the Market Livestock Sale on Saturday, August 20th.



If your animal is underweight or overweight, you will be refunded (\$20.00- beef or sheep, \$25.00- hog), of your livestock fee. Please take the card you were given when you paid your livestock fee back to the Chamber business table for your refund. Refunds will only be available on weigh-in day.

When it is your animal's time to weigh-in a person must accompany the animal through the weigh-in process. This person does not have to be the project member. The project member may appoint another responsible person to accompany the animal if they are unable to attend. We will not handle your animal for you.

The scale is zeroed out before each animal steps onto the scale. If your animal weighs-in either underweight or overweight, your animal will be immediately removed from the scale, the scale zeroed out again, and your animal will be brought back on the scale. This second weight will be the official weight of the animal.



Once weighed and ultra-sounded, hogs and sheep will be released back to the project member, or representative of that member, to take back to the animal's pen or stall. Beef will be released back to the project member or representative once the animal is weighed and a hip height is recorded.

Please do not disturb the FFA, 4-H or Chamber members involved in recording the weights and ultra-sounding of your animals during the weigh-in process. It is procedure to clearly announce the weight of each animal as it is processed.

New at Fair This Year: Dog All Breed Confirmation Match

This match will take place after the Open and 4-H Dog Shows at Fair, on Friday August 12th. There are no entry fees to participate and no age limit. Entry forms are available in your fair books and need to be turned into the Dog Barn Superintendent or the Fair Office by 2:00 p.m. the day of the match. AKC recognized breeds only. Please call the Fair office at 758-5810 for more information.

Round Robin Pre-Training

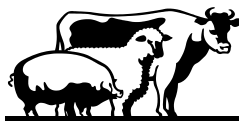
The Junior and Senior overall winner of the showmanship contest in each of the following barns compete in the Round Robin Contest: Hog, Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, and Dairy Goat. There will be pre-training session at 11:30 am, Thursday, August 18th, 2011 at the Livestock Trade Center. In the spirit of positive competition and risk management purposes, each winner will show all other contestants how to safely handle and show their animal. All contest participants will receive this training to ensure the safety of each member and the animal participating in the contest. The round robin event will take place in the Trade Center at 1:30 pm.

Montana 4-H State Horse Show



All members participating in Horse Projects are invited to attend the Montana State 4-H Horse Show in Miles City, MT on September 30th-October 2nd. This is an opportunity to meet members from around Montana and to compete with your horse at the next level. Early bird registrations are due September 9th, remaining registrations are due September 16th. No late registrations will be allowed. Registration materials and show information can be found at: <http://www.montana4h.org/pub/files/2011SHSBook.pdf> or contact the Extension Office for registration materials.

A Tip for Market Animal Sales



Please remember to not put any type of color or dye on your market animal. Market animals will be going to slaughter and should not have anything used on them that could possibly penetrate into the meat or fat layers. Presenting a clean, clipped, fitted, and trimmed market animal is what sale ethics encourages. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition, please remember, if you have tagged two animals you must declare on your August 1st pre-registration form which animal you will be bringing to Fair. This is the animal we will be expecting at weigh-in. Please do not bring your additional animal to the Fair. You may only bring your additional animal if they are pre-registered and will be shown in breeding class.

Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members

After the sale is over and the things have calmed down we can't forget to thank our livestock buyers. When members come into the Extension Office or the FFA office, after the Sale, for their photo, they will find a form attached to the back of the photo. This form will have a place for your buyer to sign and date, as well as a place for the buyer to list what they received for a thank you. It is the members responsibility to have your buyer fill out and sign the form, and it is the members responsibility to return it to the Extension Office or your FFA Advisor by December 1st, 2011. Those who do not have their form returned to the Extension Office or a FFA Advisor by December 1st, will not be allowed to take an animal to the Fair the following year. **There will be no exceptions to this guideline.** If you receive your payment in the mail, it is still your responsibility to take a thank you and your photo to the buyer and have your form filled out. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. It is important that we thank those who are so generous to our organizations. The success of the Livestock Sale depends on the kindness of those businesses and individuals in our community.



4-H/FFA Family Dance at the Fair on Saturday Night



The Flathead 4-H Teen Council will be hosting a dance on Saturday, August 20th at the Trade Center Building. The dance will begin immediately after the Rodeo wraps-up. Donations will be accepted at the door. All 4-H and FFA families are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Samantha Lake, Flathead 4-H Sr. Ambassador, at 406-253-7771. We hope to see you there!!!



Please watch future newsletters on upcoming meetings and events for the Flathead 4-H Teen Council. All 4-H members 13 years of age and older are welcome to participate.

Project Award Interviews



All 4-H Members who have completed record books for the 2010-2011 4-H year are eligible for county project awards.

Here's how it works: Applications can be found on our website and in the Extension Office. You

may select as many as **four** project areas to interview in. An example of project areas would be sheep, beef, swine, foods, sewing, woodworking, etc..... Therefore, you will not specify both market lamb and sheep breeding if you do both, you would simply list sheep as the project area. Next, fill out the form and turn it into the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 26th, 2011.

Interview dates will be posted in next month's newsletter. Bring your 4-H Books and Records to the Extension Office during the interview times designated and we will have one on one interviews on a first come first served basis. Remember to dress as if you were going to a job interview. Volunteer 4-H Leaders will be interviewing the members. This is a great chance to talk about your project accomplishments and show off your record keeping skills. If this is your first time doing project interviews, you will receive a 4-H sash, to keep your project pins on. The first time you interview in a project you will receive a project pin, then in following years you will receive a year patch signifying each additional year that you do award interviews. Remember, this is an opportunity for all 4-H members. Please call the Extension Office if you need further information, 758-5553.



Congratulations to Our MT Shooting Sports Team

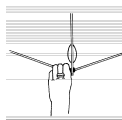
We would like to congratulate all of the Montana State 4-H Shooting Sports Members who traveled to San Antonio, Texas on June 19th-24th. Our team did quite well and several members from Flathead County were on it. The following were the Flathead County Members who participated in this event:

Steven Cook

Sawyer Braaten

Tyler Volkman

We are lucky to have such talented youth in our program and for Flathead to be so well represented. Thank you for your hard work!



Free and Wanted Items:

7 year Appaloosa Gelding: Free to good home. Please contact Leilani Wilcox at 885-6661.

Chickens: Free to good home, 1 male Buff Cochin, and 1 male/1 female Blue Cochin. Please call Fran Kimmel at 250-0284.

MT 4-H State Congress Wrap-Up

We would like to thank and congratulate all of the Flathead 4-H State Congress delegates: Kadin Prichard, Janae Roedel, Bailey Brubaker, Moriah Probert, Andora Tutvedt, Emily Hilde, Eliza Diegel and Lillian Diegel. We also want to thank both Linda Tutvedt and Marleen Probert for volunteering to help by driving and chaperoning. We truly appreciate their hard work. As you can see this was a big delegation this year and they did great!



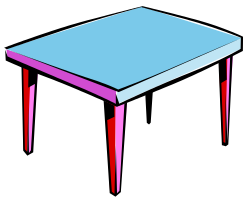
Flathead 4-H Camp Wrap-Up

This year we had one of the largest camps ever and it was terrific. We were blessed with good weather, happy campers and dedicated counselors and adult staff. A big thank you first off to Eric Schmidt, Bryan Miller, and Holly McKenzie, our diligent and hard working camp adult staff. Secondly thank you to Nicole Brewer, our camp nurse. We couldn't have done it with you. A special thanks to Mary Tuck, our interim 4-H Agent and Jill Martz, MT State 4-H director for also assisting in making sure camp went so well. We'd also like to thank our camp managers, Adam and Randi Tunnell and our Camp Kitchen Staff. Our counselors were: Cole Bauer, Sawyer Braaten, Victoria Braaten, Destiny Brewer, Bailey Brubaker, Steven Cook, Brandon Hendrickson, Nikaela Higgins, Melissa Johnson, Pierre Kaptanain, McKenzie Keck, Quinn Kittleson, Samantha Lake, Randy Martin, Morgan Marvin, Koya Olson, Chance Ovnick, Kadin Prichard, Skylar Smith, Alana Townsend, Tanaia Wise, and Walker Wise. Our counselors did an amazing job both in planning and participating in camp. We really prove that our youth "Make the Best Better"!!!!

2012 Rec Lab Proposals Requested

The 2012 Rec Lab will be held on March 16-18th, at Lewistown, MT. The theme of this year's Rec Lab is "100 Years of Green". District 3 4-H leaders and members are actively planning Rec Lab, and are looking for workshop proposals to fill out this exciting event. Proposals should be submitted to Chouteau County Extension Office no later than October 1st. Forms are available in the Extension Office if you are interested.

Workshops should be geared toward 1 hour and 90 minute rotations. If you would like to present a workshop that will have more than minimal expenses associated with it, please let us know the cost per person. An additional workshop fee will be charged to participate in your workshop. Due to the nature of Rec Lab and the audience, workshops should be interactive, encouraging participation from everyone. The primary audience is 4-H youth ages 13-18. However, there will be other chaperones, leaders, and presenters on hand, and the opportunity to provide a workshop for them exists as well.



We Need Your Help:

The Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp is in need of new tables for the lodge. We would like to purchase light weight 8 foot tables but we need donations to make that happen. If you and/or your club would like to donate money toward the bulk purchase of these tables, we are accepting donations at the Extension Office.

We'd like to Thank Montford Egan Eagles, County, Cousins, A Bit of Difference, Swan River and the Rowdy Ropers 4-H Clubs for their donations for tables!

Montana 4-H Foundation Change For the Challenge



The Montana 4-H Foundation has started a new fundraiser. Ruth and Vernon Taylor, Montana 4-H supporters, have agreed to match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, raised by 4-Her's collecting change throughout the state. Clubs have challenged other clubs to make donations and several Flathead Clubs have brought funds in. We have a collection jar in the office for spare change and if any clubs would like to begin collecting change they are encouraged to do so. So far the state has collected over \$20,000!!!

Montana Shares Raffle

The Montana 4-H Foundation has teamed up with Montana Shares, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups dedicated to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the State. The program is holding it's 17th Annual Raffle. Tickets cost \$10 each or \$25 for 3. Drawing will be held September 10th for 16 fabulous prize packages. Need not be present to win. Packages include a Fairmont Hot Springs getaway, Tickets to a UM Griz football game and artwork, or a two night stay at The Lodge in Big Sky. For more information please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

2011 Make It With Wool Contest

This competition is open to pre-teens (12 and under), juniors (13-16), seniors (17-24), and adults (25 and up). Fabrics used must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber). Also included in this years event is a quilt / afghan contest. Flyers are available in the Extension Office. For more information, include contest dates, please email Bernie Lake at db121@ronan.net or call her at 406-676-2173.



Holiday Mail For Hero's Project

The Holiday Mail for Heroes is a participatory program that asks the American public to create holiday cards for our military service members, their families, and war veterans. The program is headed up by the American Red Cross. These cards include a personal greeting, and the heartfelt sentiments of appreciation, comfort, and hope so needed during the holiday season.

Last year, many schools, organizations, and individuals participated in this program, generating approximately 1,500 cards that were sent to the Capital Heights, Maryland for screening by our partner Pitney-Bowes. Some cards created and sent from Montana reached service members around the globe, while others reached military installations, military families and veterans throughout America.

Our goals for the 2011 program are loftier: We hope to surpass 15,000 cards. This will only be possible with cooperation from schools throughout the state who choose to participate in this program at all levels.

We are asking that community service programs consider this activity in their fall programming. Additional information will be sent via email in August 2011, and will explain the program in much greater detail.

For more information clubs may contact:

Kevin Murszewski
Service to Armed Forces Volunteer Liaison:
American Red Cross of Montana
1-800-ARC-MONT
1-800-552-5902 (Cell)
murszewskik@usa.redcross.org

Black Hills Leader's Laboratory

The Black Hills Recreation Leader's Laboratory is held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, South Dakota on October 1-7th, 2011. This leader's workshop is titled the Mentality of the Mentor, Growing Yourself and Those Around You. Anyone 16 years or older can attend. Cost is \$300 if registered before July 10th or \$325 after. Registrations available in the Extension Office. More information can be obtained by calling Karen Ward at 406-932-6747 or Susan Michalakes at 401-294-7209.



2011 National 4-H Science Experiment- "Wired for Wind"

4-H National Youth Science Day is October 5th, 2011 and clubs are encouraged to go to the National Youth Science Day website for experiment guides and to start planning your events. The experiment was designed to engage youth in the engineering design process of renewable energy technologies. Youth will design and build their own wind turbines, play with blade pitch variables and map a potential wind farm site in their own state.



To download resources please go to www.4-H.org/NYSD

Club Bylaws Due to Extension Office

All Clubs need to turn in a signed copy of their amended by-laws to the Extension Office by Tuesday, August 9th. The by-law amendments are required for the new IRS Group Exemption changes. If clubs do not turn in amended by-laws, the State may choose to revoke charters. Members of Clubs without a valid charter are not eligible for Foundation programming or fundraising under the 4-H Clover symbol. The following clubs have not turned in their by-laws to date:

B&F Livestock	Golden Spurs
Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon	Smith Valley Boosters
Kila Rangers	Dandy Dudes and Dolls
Glacier Stars	Grandview Supreme
LaSalle Boosters	Bigfork Aeronautics
Big Mountain Bears	Hilltop Riders
A Bit of Difference	Flathead Shooting Sports

If you need assistance in making the necessary changes, please contact the Extension Office. 758-5553 We can add the amendments for you and your club's president and secretary can come into the Office to sign the document.

Presidential Active Lifestyle Award

The President is Challenging one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H is taking on the President's challenge by attempting to have 100,000 4-Hers complete the challenge by September 2011. The National 4-H Council has created a group that members can join at <http://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php> Fill in the registration form, and when you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on groups tab and join the 4-H group. Your Group ID number is 96548 and your group name is National 4-H Program. Once you've joined that group you will need to start logging your activities to track your progress. The goal is to have members log one hour of activity a day for six consecutive weeks, five days a week. Adults can take part too by logging in one half hour of activity daily, five days a week, for six consecutive weeks.

Montana 4-H State Leader's Forum



Pack your bags for a 4-H adventure without borders at the 2011 Montana 4-H State Leadership Forum, which will be held at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, MT on September 23-24th, 2011. Open to all 4-H volunteer leaders and teens, this is a great event you don't want to miss.

At the event you will network with others from across the state, gain new skills and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. Highlights include a project skill-a-thon, international foods, hands on workshops and a keynote speaker. The setting is a resort like atmosphere near Yellowstone National Park and also has outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking and fishing. Cost is \$90 if postmarked before August 26th or \$110 after the 26th of August. Registrations will be available starting in July at the state website: <http://www.montana4h.org> Mark your calendars now!

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."
Maria Robinson

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